

Research Brief

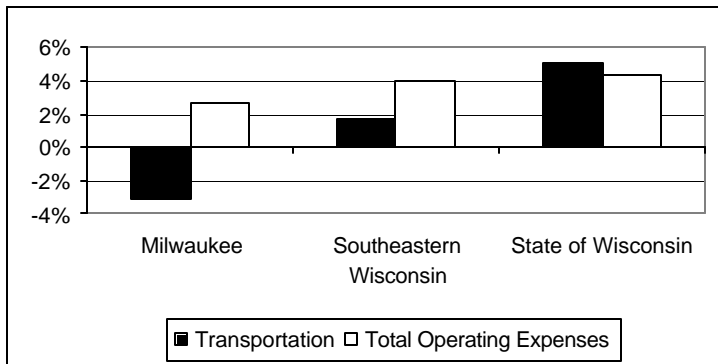
Busing Cuts Cause MPS to Lag in Spending Increases

The Forum's 16th annual report on public schooling in Southeastern Wisconsin reveals that spending increased 4% in Southeastern Wisconsin school districts to \$2.8 billion last year, although the Milwaukee Public Schools experienced a significantly smaller increase (2.7%). Part of this relatively small increase can be attributed to the district's 3% decrease in transportation spending, while the region's transportation spending increased 1.7%.

Over the past few years, the state legislature and MPS have instituted policies intended to decrease transportation spending. For example, the district changed its Chapter 220 transportation regions, and has implemented the Neighborhood Schools Initiative, which encourages students to attend their neighborhood schools and thus reduce the need for busing.

The Forum's 152-page schooling book is now available.

One-Year Change in Budgeted Spending



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2002 Highlights

- Enrollment** - There was little change from last year. Enrollment for Southeastern Wisconsin increased 0.6% to 315,911, while the state's enrollment decreased 0.01% to 879,361. Charter school enrollment showed a significant increase this year, mostly because 15 of the 35 charter schools in the region were new in 2001.
- Staffing** - Teachers in Southeastern Wisconsin received an average compensation (including salaries and fringe benefits) of \$62,447, 7% greater than teachers in the state. Teachers in the region received \$18,308 in fringe benefits, 13% more than state teachers received.
- Attendance** - The attendance rates in every county in Southeastern Wisconsin decreased between 1999-00 and 2000-01. Attendance rates in the state decreased from 94.4% to 94.2%, while the seven-county area experienced a decrease of 0.6 percentage points. MPS' attendance rate decreased 0.9 percentage points between 1999-00 and 2000-01, from 88.1% to 87.2%.
- Discipline** - In 2000-01, more students were habitually truant throughout Southeastern Wisconsin and the state than in the previous year. The truancy rate for the region increased 1.0 percentage points. Dropout rates decreased throughout the region and state. Milwaukee County's rate dropped from 6.41% to 6.36%, even though MPS' rate increased 0.1 percentage points.
- Performance** - In 2000-01, the State of Wisconsin's average composite ACT score for high school seniors was 22.2. Whitefish Bay students scored the highest on the ACT with a score of 25.5. Graduation rates in the state and the region increased between 1999-00 and 2000-01, to 90% in the state and to 82.6% in the region.



Kenosha and Walworth Counties Spend Less, Have Smaller Classes than Region

For the first time this year, the Forum has included Kenosha and Walworth Counties in its public schooling book, thus expanding the analysis from a look at metropolitan Milwaukee to a data compilation for public schools in all of Southeastern Wisconsin. Kenosha and Walworth Counties have a total of 28 districts (13 and 15 respectively). These counties also have four union high school districts. Kenosha County's union districts have feeder districts that send their students to more than one union high school. In these cases the Forum has placed the districts in the high school districts that the feeder districts are closest to. This was done for comparison reasons and so that district totals were not counted twice in the county and region totals.

Kenosha County is the home of the fourth largest school district in the state, the Kenosha School District (20,553 enrollment in 2001-02). The Kenosha School District's status as an urban district has a similar effect on Kenosha County to the effect MPS has on Milwaukee County, tending to bring down such outcome indicators as graduation and attendance rates, while increasing truancy and dropout rates. Kenosha County also has the third highest percentage of minorities among counties in Southeastern Wisconsin (22% minority in 2001-02).

Walworth County is more comparable to the suburban counties of Ozaukee and Washington than to Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Racine, which, as we have seen, are largely urban. Walworth County was the sixth largest county in the area in terms of enrollment, and it also ranked sixth in population, according to 2000 census data, in the seven county area. Walworth County's total enrollment for 2001-02 was 15,083 students. Rather than having one large urban district that dominates the rest of the districts, Walworth County has several smaller districts.

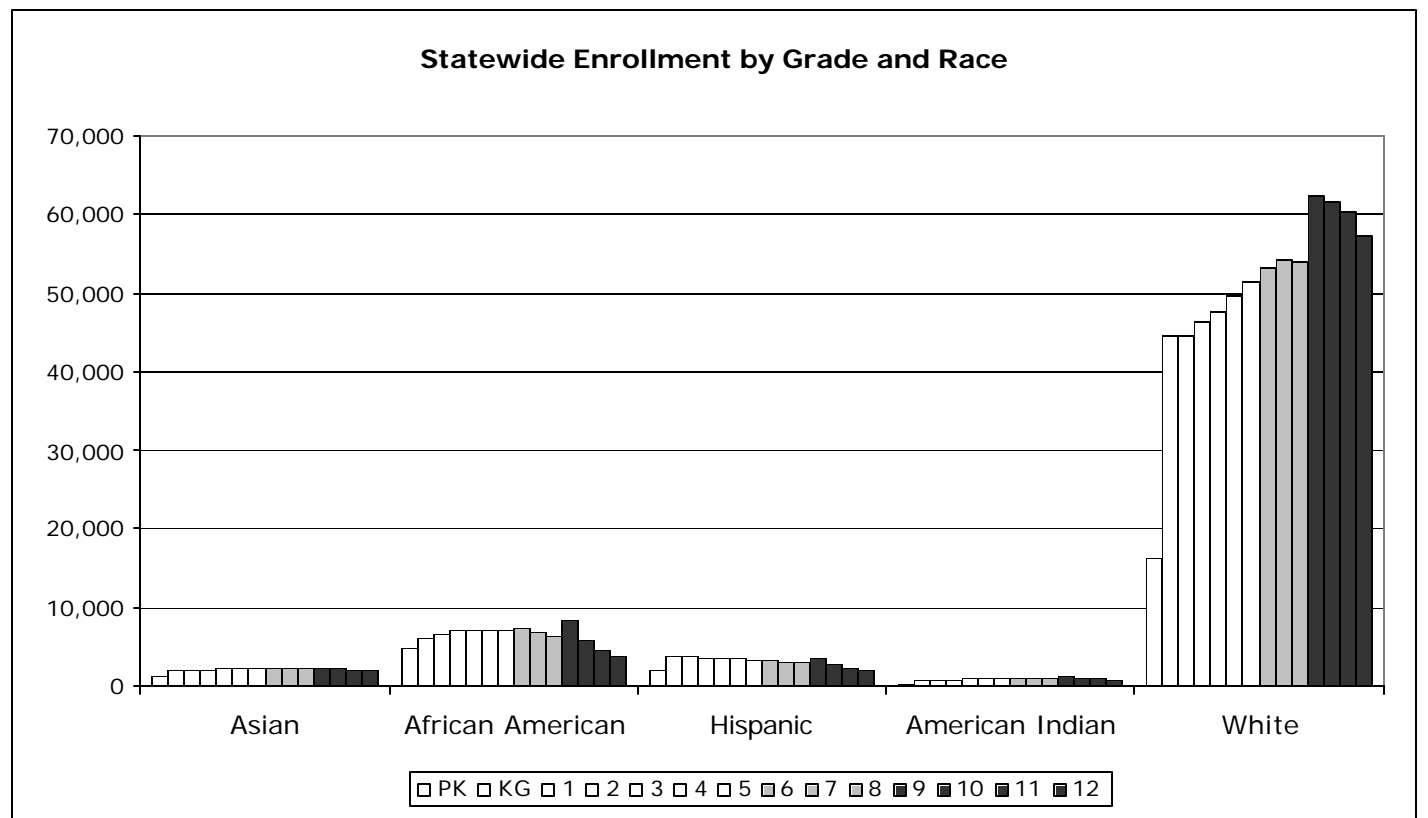
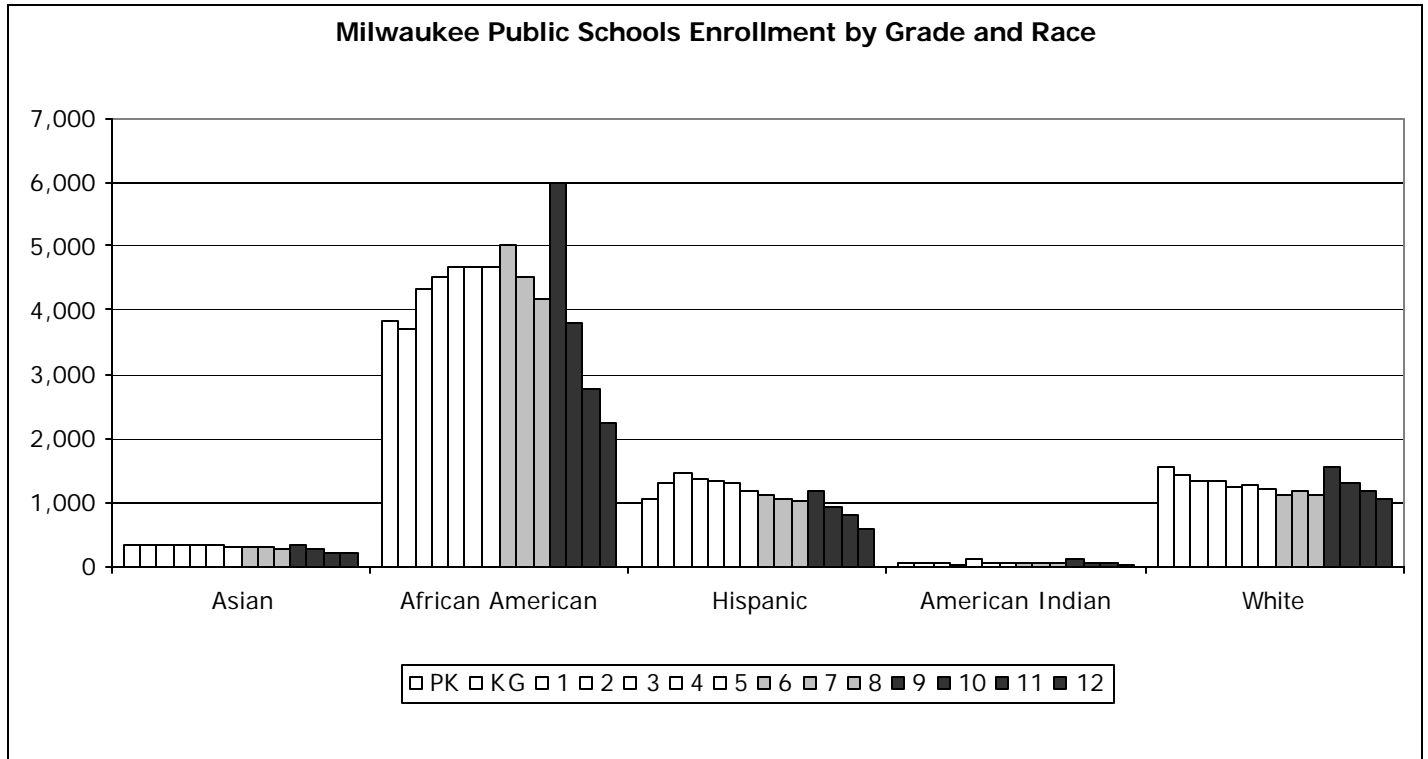
The revenue picture for Kenosha County school districts is similar to that of Milwaukee and Racine Counties, reflecting the impact that the urban districts of Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine have on their counties' districts as a whole. Specifically, the three counties had a higher than average reliance on state aid (63% for Kenosha County as compared to 55% for Southeastern Wisconsin as a whole) and a lower than average reliance on property tax revenue.

Both Kenosha and Walworth County school districts spent less per pupil than the Southeastern Wisconsin average as well as the state average. Walworth County especially stands out in terms of per pupil spending because its school districts spent the least per pupil (\$7,754 as compared to \$8,883 in Southeastern Wisconsin as a whole).

In terms of staffing, which is the final of the three inputs to school districts that the Forum considers, Walworth County had smaller class sizes than the region as a whole (14.8 and 15.4 pupils to teachers respectively), while Kenosha County's pupil-to-teacher ratio was also low (14.9:1). Kenosha and Walworth Counties both had significantly fewer minority staff members than the region (6%, 2%, and 17% respectively); however, most districts had fewer minority staff members than the region due to the overwhelming impact of MPS on the area. Finally, teachers in Kenosha and Walworth Counties made less money than their counterparts at the regional level. Specifically, Kenosha teachers received \$54,345 in total compensation, while Walworth County teachers got \$58,208, and the region's teachers received \$62,447.



2001-2002 Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade





2001-2002 Budgeted Per Pupil School Operations Expenses

	Total Per Pupil School Operations Expenses	Instruction	Pupil Services	Instructional Staff Services	General Admin.	Building Admin.	Transportation	Other
Milwaukee County	\$9,219	\$5,575	\$414	\$468	\$195	\$575	\$475	\$1,517
Milwaukee	\$8,948	\$5,423	\$423	\$445	\$202	\$589	\$573	\$1,294
<i>Milwaukee Suburbs</i>	<i>\$9,795</i>	<i>\$5,898</i>	<i>\$396</i>	<i>\$516</i>	<i>\$182</i>	<i>\$546</i>	<i>\$265</i>	<i>\$1,991</i>
Brown Deer	\$10,818	\$6,273	\$341	\$488	\$341	\$760	\$375	\$2,239
Cudahy	\$9,858	\$6,139	\$657	\$531	\$172	\$468	\$98	\$1,793
Franklin Public	\$10,139	\$6,373	\$517	\$294	\$259	\$515	\$431	\$1,750
Greendale	\$10,272	\$6,035	\$473	\$645	\$185	\$541	\$200	\$2,193
Greenfield	\$9,317	\$5,715	\$507	\$476	\$220	\$527	\$320	\$1,552
Nicolet Union	\$13,417	\$7,370	\$609	\$799	\$372	\$700	\$842	\$2,725
<i>Fox Point J2</i>	<i>\$13,071</i>	<i>\$7,881</i>	<i>\$505</i>	<i>\$642</i>	<i>\$409</i>	<i>\$500</i>	<i>\$993</i>	<i>\$2,140</i>
<i>Glendale-River Hills</i>	<i>\$11,836</i>	<i>\$6,654</i>	<i>\$412</i>	<i>\$813</i>	<i>\$262</i>	<i>\$587</i>	<i>\$941</i>	<i>\$2,166</i>
<i>Maple Dale-Indian Hill</i>	<i>\$14,711</i>	<i>\$8,029</i>	<i>\$533</i>	<i>\$1,014</i>	<i>\$511</i>	<i>\$838</i>	<i>\$1,021</i>	<i>\$2,764</i>
<i>Nicolet</i>	<i>\$14,330</i>	<i>\$7,363</i>	<i>\$857</i>	<i>\$788</i>	<i>\$380</i>	<i>\$849</i>	<i>\$598</i>	<i>\$3,496</i>
Oak Creek-Franklin	\$8,016	\$4,936	\$269	\$321	\$113	\$441	\$434	\$1,502
Saint Francis	\$9,439	\$5,997	\$430	\$559	\$683	\$383	\$98	\$1,289
Shorewood	\$10,991	\$7,206	\$392	\$662	\$185	\$624	\$74	\$1,848
South Milwaukee	\$8,743	\$5,502	\$458	\$608	\$140	\$526	\$68	\$1,440
Wauwatosa	\$9,873	\$5,997	\$403	\$552	\$61	\$606	\$87	\$2,165
West Allis	\$9,059	\$5,457	\$132	\$446	\$101	\$493	\$211	\$2,219
Whitefish Bay	\$10,546	\$6,023	\$465	\$799	\$165	\$644	\$62	\$2,388
Whitnall	\$9,473	\$5,283	\$446	\$376	\$217	\$537	\$311	\$2,303
Ozaukee County	\$9,097	\$5,614	\$439	\$433	\$153	\$489	\$363	\$1,607
Cedarburg	\$8,467	\$5,079	\$389	\$586	\$170	\$355	\$300	\$1,588
Grafton	\$9,519	\$5,742	\$396	\$387	\$246	\$594	\$324	\$1,828
Mequon-Thiensville	\$9,648	\$6,046	\$544	\$394	\$99	\$590	\$457	\$1,517
Northern Ozaukee	\$8,604	\$5,138	\$209	\$244	\$223	\$386	\$432	\$1,972
Port Washington-Saukville	\$8,837	\$5,623	\$447	\$420	\$126	\$444	\$298	\$1,478
Racine County	\$8,073	\$5,085	\$377	\$315	\$116	\$416	\$360	\$1,403
Burlington Area	\$6,823	\$4,443	\$292	\$279	\$89	\$472	\$312	\$935
Racine	\$8,477	\$5,363	\$400	\$324	\$65	\$403	\$385	\$1,536
Union Grove Union	\$7,498	\$4,680	\$237	\$274	\$449	\$333	\$313	\$1,212
<i>Dover #1</i>	<i>\$9,021</i>	<i>\$5,433</i>	<i>\$145</i>	<i>\$318</i>	<i>\$211</i>	<i>\$1,100</i>	<i>\$417</i>	<i>\$1,397</i>
<i>Raymond #14</i>	<i>\$7,100</i>	<i>\$4,788</i>	<i>\$91</i>	<i>\$328</i>	<i>\$577</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$432</i>	<i>\$885</i>
<i>Union Grove J1</i>	<i>\$6,515</i>	<i>\$3,911</i>	<i>\$206</i>	<i>\$221</i>	<i>\$273</i>	<i>\$470</i>	<i>\$105</i>	<i>\$1,329</i>
<i>Union Grove UHS</i>	<i>\$8,242</i>	<i>\$4,949</i>	<i>\$439</i>	<i>\$255</i>	<i>\$516</i>	<i>\$458</i>	<i>\$364</i>	<i>\$1,261</i>
<i>Yorkville J2</i>	<i>\$7,896</i>	<i>\$5,263</i>	<i>\$69</i>	<i>\$338</i>	<i>\$560</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$435</i>	<i>\$1,231</i>

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2001-2002 Budgeted Per Pupil School Operations Expenses

	Total Per Pupil School Operations Expenses	Instruction	Pupil Services	Instructional Staff Services	General Admin.	Building Admin.	Trans- portation	Other
Waterford Union	\$7,050	\$4,128	\$410	\$322	\$284	\$495	\$269	\$1,143
North Cape	\$6,418	\$3,678	\$158	\$147	\$61	\$892	\$327	\$1,155
Norway J7	\$9,006	\$5,316	\$116	\$338	\$153	\$1,618	\$366	\$1,099
Washington-Caldwell	\$7,172	\$3,967	\$113	\$325	\$742	\$256	\$409	\$1,359
Waterford Graded J1	\$6,668	\$3,722	\$522	\$445	\$268	\$448	\$254	\$1,008
Waterford UHS	\$7,471	\$4,693	\$395	\$178	\$267	\$408	\$239	\$1,291
Washington County	\$8,218	\$5,214	\$359	\$452	\$168	\$374	\$353	\$1,298
Germantown	\$8,979	\$5,318	\$390	\$620	\$106	\$425	\$512	\$1,607
Hartford Union	\$8,787	\$5,554	\$332	\$519	\$294	\$338	\$332	\$1,417
Erin	\$9,191	\$6,062	\$237	\$341	\$116	\$686	\$407	\$1,343
Friess Lake	\$8,591	\$5,655	\$178	\$351	\$562	\$0	\$354	\$1,490
Hartford J1	\$8,456	\$5,707	\$331	\$505	\$170	\$380	\$242	\$1,120
Hartford UHS	\$9,116	\$5,335	\$416	\$646	\$236	\$405	\$278	\$1,799
Herman #22	\$9,392	\$4,946	\$234	\$650	\$647	\$457	\$748	\$1,709
Neosho J3	\$8,396	\$5,688	\$61	\$447	\$810	\$5	\$536	\$849
Richfield J1	\$8,544	\$5,707	\$356	\$252	\$315	\$94	\$546	\$1,274
Rubicon J6	\$8,594	\$4,979	\$220	\$666	\$1,186	\$0	\$467	\$1,077
Kewaskum	\$7,714	\$4,791	\$273	\$307	\$210	\$327	\$415	\$1,390
Slinger	\$7,246	\$4,713	\$367	\$378	\$134	\$413	\$330	\$911
West Bend	\$7,960	\$5,252	\$385	\$387	\$112	\$370	\$275	\$1,180
Waukesha County	\$9,168	\$5,610	\$423	\$432	\$169	\$469	\$400	\$1,665
Arrowhead Union	\$8,806	\$5,396	\$392	\$511	\$455	\$253	\$289	\$1,510
Arrowhead UHS	\$9,725	\$5,790	\$625	\$434	\$152	\$397	\$361	\$1,966
Hartland-Lakeside	\$8,520	\$5,270	\$331	\$607	\$330	\$349	\$246	\$1,387
Lake Country	\$9,448	\$5,987	\$240	\$630	\$1,195	\$0	\$304	\$1,092
Merton Community	\$7,030	\$4,595	\$231	\$403	\$389	\$248	\$193	\$971
North Lake	\$7,453	\$4,300	\$160	\$409	\$1,021	\$0	\$301	\$1,261
Richmond	\$8,021	\$4,843	\$254	\$619	\$517	\$130	\$271	\$1,387
Stone Bank	\$10,006	\$6,816	\$411	\$440	\$816	\$0	\$287	\$1,236
Swallow	\$9,208	\$5,165	\$235	\$779	\$876	\$0	\$239	\$1,914
Elmbrook	\$11,523	\$6,794	\$543	\$556	\$133	\$360	\$451	\$2,688
Hamilton	\$8,557	\$5,203	\$363	\$376	\$252	\$424	\$406	\$1,533
Kettle Moraine	\$8,685	\$5,365	\$431	\$307	\$82	\$437	\$451	\$1,613
Menomonee Falls	\$10,036	\$6,046	\$525	\$414	\$200	\$568	\$369	\$1,914
Mukwonago	\$8,179	\$5,288	\$380	\$508	\$53	\$509	\$456	\$985
Muskego-Norway	\$8,546	\$5,261	\$386	\$474	\$183	\$485	\$438	\$1,319
New Berlin	\$10,678	\$6,376	\$176	\$364	\$223	\$776	\$475	\$2,288
Norris	\$19,549	\$11,760	\$3,385	\$350	\$1,628	\$0	\$0	\$2,426

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Oconomowoc Area	\$8,281	\$5,101	\$414	\$443	\$75	\$466	\$365	\$1,416
Pewaukee	\$8,730	\$5,142	\$407	\$557	\$197	\$454	\$332	\$1,640
Waukesha	\$8,525	\$5,334	\$462	\$347	\$83	\$501	\$379	\$1,419
Kenosha County	\$8,361	\$5,181	\$475	\$473	\$151	\$375	\$253	\$1,452
Central/Westosha Union	\$7,902	\$4,830	\$344	\$412	\$322	\$402	\$331	\$1,261
*Brighton #1	\$8,433	\$4,936	\$246	\$529	\$161	\$790	\$488	\$1,282
Bristol	\$8,093	\$4,972	\$278	\$565	\$420	\$325	\$315	\$1,218
Central/Westosha UHS	\$8,538	\$5,408	\$478	\$407	\$312	\$430	\$252	\$1,250
Paris	\$8,406	\$5,042	\$235	\$270	\$23	\$761	\$381	\$1,694
*Salem	\$7,086	\$4,201	\$285	\$357	\$364	\$291	\$377	\$1,211
Kenosha	\$8,487	\$5,263	\$504	\$502	\$57	\$406	\$235	\$1,521
Wilmot Union	\$8,060	\$5,033	\$430	\$367	\$517	\$187	\$283	\$1,243
Randall	\$7,077	\$4,650	\$191	\$504	\$505	\$0	\$319	\$908
Silver Lake	\$7,662	\$4,924	\$390	\$375	\$403	\$210	\$235	\$1,124
Trevor Graded	\$9,070	\$5,657	\$808	\$321	\$823	\$95	\$186	\$1,181
Twin Lakes	\$8,203	\$4,962	\$255	\$499	\$796	\$0	\$265	\$1,425
*Wheatland	\$7,814	\$4,880	\$197	\$351	\$544	\$224	\$386	\$1,231
Wilmot Graded	\$9,117	\$4,973	\$184	\$106	\$895	\$196	\$285	\$2,479
Wilmot UHS	\$8,453	\$5,224	\$682	\$290	\$315	\$368	\$277	\$1,298
Walworth County	\$7,754	\$4,726	\$338	\$343	\$234	\$408	\$322	\$1,383
Big Foot Union	\$8,849	\$5,111	\$444	\$596	\$881	\$0	\$301	\$1,517
Big Foot UHS	\$9,850	\$5,440	\$737	\$696	\$866	\$0	\$418	\$1,695
Fontana	\$10,715	\$6,130	\$487	\$527	\$1,343	\$0	\$465	\$1,765
Linn J6	\$11,313	\$6,770	\$286	\$952	\$1,934	\$0	\$180	\$1,191
Sharon	\$8,142	\$4,920	\$256	\$357	\$822	\$0	\$176	\$1,610
Walworth	\$6,776	\$4,022	\$267	\$592	\$475	\$0	\$197	\$1,223
Delavan-Darien	\$7,014	\$4,331	\$352	\$356	\$87	\$422	\$311	\$1,155
East Troy Community	\$7,540	\$4,716	\$299	\$255	\$151	\$363	\$331	\$1,426
Elkhorn Area	\$7,321	\$4,341	\$307	\$322	\$135	\$627	\$314	\$1,275
Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union	\$8,069	\$5,093	\$374	\$285	\$175	\$430	\$345	\$1,367
Geneva	\$11,499	\$7,231	\$88	\$354	\$1,536	\$0	\$469	\$1,821
Genoa City	\$6,781	\$4,074	\$274	\$280	\$316	\$415	\$331	\$1,092
Lake Geneva	\$7,276	\$4,654	\$431	\$287	\$84	\$438	\$266	\$1,116
Lake Geneva-Genoa City UHS	\$9,196	\$5,859	\$370	\$281	\$107	\$347	\$441	\$1,791
Linn J4	\$14,083	\$8,259	\$344	\$228	\$188	\$2,353	\$608	\$2,103
Whitewater	\$7,560	\$4,421	\$268	\$321	\$144	\$402	\$341	\$1,664
Williams Bay	\$9,330	\$6,072	\$248	\$322	\$381	\$635	\$226	\$1,446
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$8,883	\$5,437	\$412	\$438	\$177	\$498	\$410	\$1,511
State of Wisconsin	\$8,610	\$5,336	\$392	\$446	\$179	\$458	\$382	\$1,418

*Denotes districts that send students to more than one union high school.

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51 Regional Districts Ranked by Staffing Considerations

District	Pupils per Teacher		% Minority Teachers		Average Teacher Salary		Average Teacher Fringe Benefits	
	Rank	Pupils	Rank	Percent	Rank	Salary	Rank	Fringe
Milwaukee County								
Brown Deer	7	13.0	3	8.55%	9	\$48,695	9	\$18,129
Cudahy	6	12.9	35	0.00%	10	\$47,272	34	\$16,684
Franklin	10	13.3	18	1.47%	27	\$43,236	28	\$17,081
Greendale	24	14.5	35	0.00%	1	\$52,288	3	\$19,099
Greenfield	16	14.0	31	0.46%	24	\$44,513	6	\$18,680
Milwaukee	50	17.0	1	29.27%	35	\$42,722	1	\$23,499
**Nicolet Union	3	12.2	10	2.81%	4	\$50,208	4	\$19,038
Oak Creek-Franklin	49	16.6	27	0.68%	13	\$46,787	40	\$16,301
Saint Francis	12	13.6	13	2.31%	43	\$42,009	45	\$14,749
Shorewood	2	11.4	5	5.01%	12	\$47,039	11	\$17,926
South Milwaukee	15	13.9	35	0.00%	26	\$43,821	50	\$13,139
Wauwatosa	7	13.0	8	3.41%	34	\$42,781	46	\$14,085
West Allis	18	14.1	21	1.00%	14	\$46,261	22	\$17,262
Whitefish Bay	11	13.4	6	4.87%	32	\$42,911	31	\$16,976
Whitnall	27	14.9	35	0.00%	16	\$45,616	25	\$17,211
Ozaukee County								
Cedarburg	43	15.9	20	1.09%	23	\$44,580	32	\$16,957
Grafton	18	14.1	35	0.00%	15	\$45,994	5	\$18,750
Mequon-Thiensville	27	14.9	9	3.39%	6	\$49,661	2	\$19,928
Northern Ozaukee	31	15.1	14	1.66%	30	\$43,165	8	\$18,291
Port Washington-Saukville	39	15.6	30	0.57%	3	\$51,710	7	\$18,300
Racine County								
Burlington Area	41	15.7	24	0.87%	29	\$43,206	38	\$16,595
Racine	47	16.1	2	9.66%	21	\$44,756	51	\$12,550
**Union Grove Union	13	13.7	35	0.00%	37	\$42,649	27	\$17,124
**Waterford Union	25	14.6	35	0.00%	50	\$37,955	35	\$16,677
Washington County								
Germantown	22	14.2	23	0.88%	39	\$42,339	29	\$17,066
**Hartford Union	22	14.2	33	0.30%	25	\$44,357	20	\$17,415
Kewaskum	32	15.1	35	0.00%	31	\$43,154	19	\$17,452
Slinger	51	17.2	35	0.00%	18	\$45,356	36	\$16,640
West Bend	36	15.5	34	0.24%	22	\$44,613	13	\$17,809
Waukesha County								
**Arrowhead Union	18	14.1	26	0.73%	33	\$42,850	33	\$16,784
Elmbrook	14	13.8	15	1.61%	8	\$48,889	18	\$17,507
Hamilton	32	15.1	19	1.18%	20	\$45,011	43	\$15,634
Kettle Moraine	32	15.1	35	0.00%	17	\$45,501	39	\$16,576
Menomonee Falls	5	12.8	11	2.42%	38	\$42,497	47	\$13,730
Mukwonago	36	15.5	28	0.63%	19	\$45,320	26	\$17,205
Muskego-Norway	43	15.9	35	0.00%	5	\$50,171	17	\$17,540
New Berlin	26	14.8	22	0.98%	2	\$51,864	10	\$18,081
*Norris	1	5.9	35	0.00%	51	\$36,874	48	\$13,529
Oconomowoc Area	46	16.0	35	0.00%	11	\$47,041	16	\$17,649
Pewaukee	35	15.2	35	0.00%	28	\$43,208	22	\$17,262
Waukesha	27	14.9	16	1.59%	7	\$49,553	15	\$17,654
Kenosha County								
**Central/Westosha Union	48	16.5	35	0.00%	40	\$42,229	21	\$17,329
Kenosha	27	14.9	4	6.60%	47	\$40,445	49	\$13,199
**Wilmot Union	16	14.0	32	0.37%	49	\$38,071	42	\$16,142
Walworth County								
**Big Foot Union	9	13.2	25	0.77%	48	\$38,479	41	\$16,266
Delavan-Darien	36	15.5	7	4.64%	45	\$41,221	12	\$17,900
East Troy Community	39	15.6	35	0.00%	44	\$41,955	24	\$17,236
Elkhorn Area	43	15.9	28	0.63%	36	\$42,714	37	\$16,623
**Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union	18	14.1	17	1.57%	46	\$40,959	14	\$17,708
Whitewater	41	15.7	35	0.00%	41	\$42,190	44	\$14,908
Williams Bay	4	12.7	12	2.37%	42	\$42,101	30	\$17,020

*Norris is an alternative school that cannot be accurately compared to other districts. It is included here because it is technically a regional district.

**Union districts include feeder elementary schools for ranking purposes.

Table 2



Attendance

Attendance Overview — 2000-2001

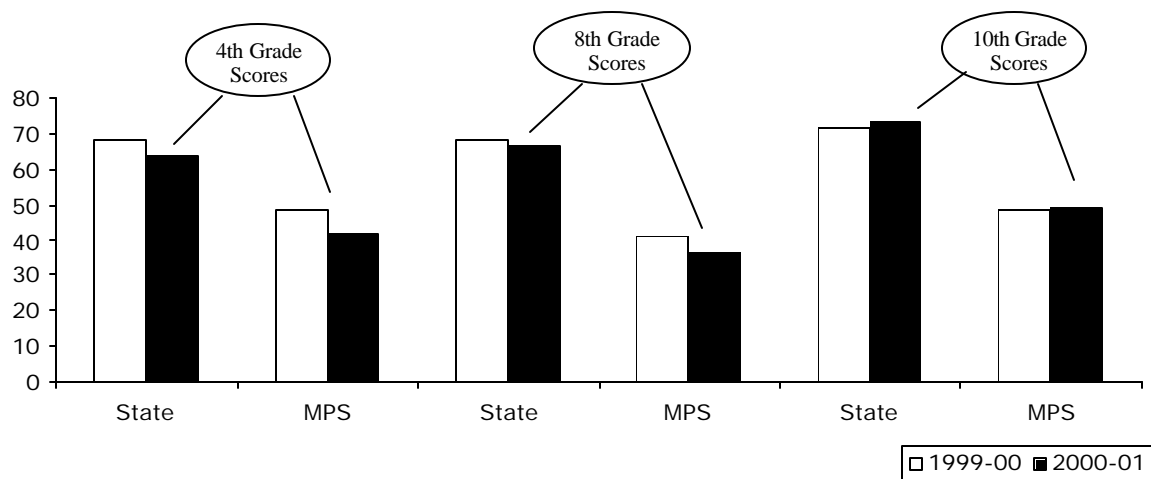
Geographic Area		Attendance Rate	Above/ Below State Average	Days Absent Per Pupil
State of Wisconsin		94.19%		10.12
7-County Area		92.52%	-1.67	13.07
Milwaukee County		90.03%	-4.16	17.26
	Milwaukee (MPS)	87.21%	-6.98	22.18
	Milwaukee Suburbs	95.42%	1.23	7.91
	Brown Deer	95.67%	1.48	7.77
	Cudahy	95.48%	1.29	8.16
	Franklin Public	95.53%	1.34	8.02
	Greendale	95.71%	1.52	7.73
	Greenfield	95.21%	1.02	8.56
	Nicolet Union	95.54%	1.35	7.77
	Oak Creek-Franklin	95.39%	1.20	8.00
	Saint Francis	93.53%	-0.66	10.94
	Shorewood	95.41%	1.22	8.09
	South Milwaukee	95.16%	0.97	8.42
	Wauwatosa	95.38%	1.19	7.92
	West Allis	95.09%	0.90	7.82
	Whitefish Bay	96.70%	2.51	5.61
	Whitnall	95.97%	1.78	7.19
Ozaukee County		95.91%	1.72	7.20
	Cedarburg	96.38%	2.19	6.49
	Grafton	95.76%	1.57	7.39
	Mequon-Thiensville	96.20%	2.01	6.68
	Northern Ozaukee	96.03%	1.84	6.92
	Port Washington-Saukville	94.98%	0.79	8.72
Racine County		93.24%	-0.95	11.84
	Burlington Area	95.02%	0.83	8.97
	Racine	92.45%	-1.74	13.11
	Union Grove Union	95.68%	1.49	7.75
	Waterford Union	94.89%	0.70	9.02
Washington County		95.83%	1.64	7.40
	Germantown	95.91%	1.72	7.13
	Hartford Union	95.60%	1.41	7.68
	Kewaskum	95.81%	1.62	7.35
	Slinger	96.53%	2.34	6.09
	West Bend	95.67%	1.48	7.90
Waukesha County		95.87%	1.68	7.27
	Arrowhead Union	96.17%	1.98	6.84
	Elmbrook	96.09%	1.90	6.69
	Hamilton	95.58%	1.39	7.66
	Kettle Moraine	95.69%	1.50	7.73
	Menomonee Falls	95.93%	1.74	7.13
	Mukwonago	95.17%	0.98	8.35
	Muskego-Norway	95.43%	1.24	8.10
	New Berlin	96.12%	1.93	6.92
	Norris	91.60%	-2.59	10.70
	Oconomowoc Area	96.37%	2.18	6.40
	Pewaukee	95.18%	0.99	8.22
	Waukesha	96.04%	1.85	7.07
Kenosha County		92.85%	-1.34	12.84
	Central/Westosha Union	94.24%	0.05	10.15
	Kenosha	92.42%	-1.77	13.68
	Wilmot Union	94.04%	-0.15	10.55
Walworth County		94.38%	0.19	9.77
	Big Foot Union	94.64%	0.45	9.20
	Delavan-Darien	92.72%	-1.47	12.30
	East Troy Community	94.31%	0.12	9.69
	Elkhorn Area	95.21%	1.02	8.36
	Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union	94.43%	0.24	9.80
	Whitewater	94.99%	0.80	8.97
	Williams Bay	95.12%	0.93	8.69

Table 3



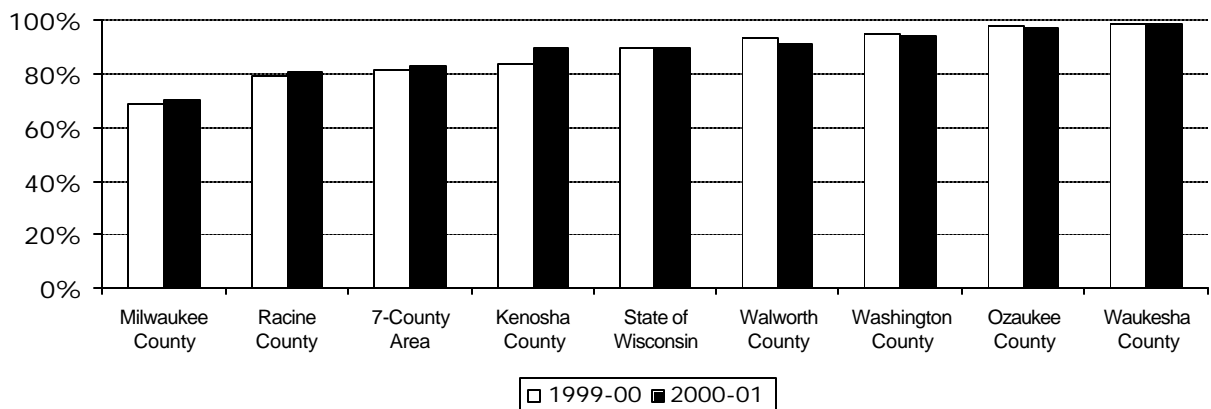
Knowledge and Concept Exams

These exams are administered in the 4th, 8th, and 10th grades. In 2000-01 the 4th and 8th grade national percentile scores were substantially lower than the previous year. The 4th grade scores for the State of Wisconsin in 2000-01 were 4.6 points lower than in 1999-00 and MPS' scores were 6.8 points lower. The 8th grade scores decreased 1.6 points from 1999-00 to 2000-01 at the state level and 4.8 points in MPS. The tenth grade scores were the only scores to show an increase from 1999-00 to 2000-01, with an increase of 1.8 points at the state level and 1 point for MPS students.



Graduation Rates

The graduation rate for the State of Wisconsin was 89.95% for 2000-01, which represents an increase of 0.6 percentage points from 1999-00. The seven-county area graduation rate was 82.62% for 2000-01, an increase of 1.32 percentage points. In the region, four out of the seven counties had one-year increases in their graduation rates. MPS' rate increased 2.9 percentage points to 54.73% in 2000-01.





Rankings

51 Districts Ranked By Attendance, Retention, and Expulsion

District	Attendance Rank	Attendance Rate	Retention Rank	Retention Rate	Expulsion Rank	Expulsion Rate
Milwaukee County						
Brown Deer	19	95.67%	39	1.11%	29	0.06%
Cudahy	25	95.48%	37	1.16%	39	0.00%
Franklin	24	95.53%	35	1.18%	18	0.18%
Greendale	16	95.71%	42	0.70%	18	0.18%
Greenfield	30	95.21%	23	1.82%	15	0.22%
Milwaukee	51	87.21%	2	9.85%	11	0.25%
Nicolet Union	23	95.54%	44	0.34%	36	0.03%
Oak Creek-Franklin	28	95.39%	5	4.72%	23	0.12%
Saint Francis	46	93.53%	11	3.48%	39	0.00%
Shorewood	27	95.41%	32	1.26%	9	0.27%
South Milwaukee	34	95.16%	1	27.16%*	8	0.31%
Wauwatosa	29	95.38%	15	2.60%	27	0.07%
West Allis	36	95.09%	21	1.90%	3	0.44%
Whitefish Bay	1	96.70%	50	0.00%	39	0.00%
Whitnall	11	95.97%	36	1.17%	39	0.00%
Ozaukee County						
Cedarburg	3	96.38%	26	1.52%	39	0.00%
Grafton	15	95.76%	41	1.00%	39	0.00%
Mequon-Thiensville	5	96.20%	45	0.33%	32	0.05%
Northern Ozaukee	10	96.03%	19	2.11%	39	0.00%
Port Washington-Saukville	39	94.98%	14	2.93%	14	0.23%
Racine County						
Burlington Area	37	95.02%	17	2.56%	29	0.06%
Racine	48	92.45%	6	4.62%	12	0.24%
Union Grove Union	18	95.68%	7	4.16%	32	0.05%
Waterford Union	40	94.89%	24	1.74%	27	0.07%
Washington County						
Germantown	13	95.91%	38	1.14%	36	0.03%
Hartford Union	21	95.60%	34	1.20%	6	0.36%
Kewaskum	14	95.81%	18	2.20%	5	0.37%
Slinger	2	96.53%	29	1.31%	34	0.04%
West Bend	19	95.67%	48	0.02%	25	0.10%
Waukesha County						
Arrowhead Union	6	96.17%	40	1.04%	36	0.03%
Elmbrook	8	96.09%	10	3.55%	39	0.00%
Hamilton	22	95.58%	16	2.58%	16	0.21%
Kettle Moraine	17	95.69%	45	0.33%	39	0.00%
Menomonee Falls	12	95.93%	48	0.02%	23	0.12%
Mukwonago	33	95.17%	9	3.75%	29	0.06%
Muskego-Norway	26	95.43%	12	3.26%	34	0.04%
New Berlin	7	96.12%	27	1.51%	39	0.00%
Norris	50	91.60%	50	0.00%	39	0.00%
Oconomowoc Area	4	96.37%	25	1.60%	17	0.19%
Pewaukee	32	95.18%	33	1.21%	22	0.14%
Waukesha	9	96.04%	43	0.60%	12	0.24%
Kenosha County						
Central/Westosha Union	44	94.24%	30	1.28%	4	0.41%
Kenosha	49	92.42%	3	6.69%	20	0.16%
Wilmet Union	45	94.04%	13	2.96%	20	0.16%
Walworth County						
Big Foot Union	41	94.64%	28	1.46%	2	0.52%
Delavan-Darien	47	92.72%	8	3.86%	10	0.26%
East Troy Community	43	94.31%	31	1.27%	39	0.00%
Elkhorn Area	30	95.21%	20	1.99%	6	0.36%
Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union	42	94.43%	4	5.01%	1	0.78%
Whitewater	38	94.99%	22	1.83%	25	0.10%
Williams Bay	35	95.12%	47	0.19%	39	0.00%

*South Milwaukee's retentions appear to be overcounted in the DPI data.

Table 4



51 Districts Ranked By *Truancy, Dropouts, and Suspensions*

District	Truancy		Dropout		Suspension	
	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate	Rank	Rate
Milwaukee County						
Brown Deer	49	0.29%	48	0.00%	9	7.10%
Cudahy	7	6.28%	12	1.41%	4	8.45%
Franklin	25	2.38%	46	0.15%	28	4.25%
Greendale	38	1.21%	26	0.72%	21	4.95%
Greenfield	21	2.74%	23	0.86%	11	6.60%
Milwaukee	1	40.16%	1	10.54%	1	20.17%
Nicolet Union	41	1.09%	45	0.22%	33	3.61%
Oak Creek-Franklin	13	3.67%	13	1.40%	26	4.46%
Saint Francis	4	8.98%	21	1.02%	7	7.49%
Shorewood	45	0.75%	48	0.00%	30	3.82%
South Milwaukee	51	0.00%*	10	1.82%	16	5.38%
Wauwatosa	8	6.17%	38	0.30%	23	4.81%
West Allis	33	1.50%	14	1.39%	5	8.11%
Whitefish Bay	45	0.75%	43	0.23%	48	1.48%
Whitnall	23	2.50%	48	0.00%	39	3.08%
Ozaukee County						
Cedarburg	12	3.95%	39	0.28%	34	3.49%
Grafton	5	6.76%	31	0.53%	41	2.96%
Mequon-Thiensville	38	1.21%	34	0.45%	49	1.45%
Northern Ozaukee	40	1.17%	29	0.60%	46	2.22%
Port Washington-Sauville	24	2.44%	9	2.03%	15	5.52%
Racine County						
Burlington Area	27	1.98%	17	1.25%	18	5.19%
Racine	2	36.51%	2	4.91%	2	15.23%
Union Grove Union	31	1.58%	25	0.76%	31	3.77%
Waterford Union	17	3.14%	19	1.11%	20	5.02%
Washington County						
Germantown	20	2.82%	24	0.82%	19	5.09%
Hartford Union	28	1.91%	7	2.41%	35	3.44%
Kewaskum	26	2.14%	6	2.52%	47	1.83%
Slinger	35	1.35%	11	1.44%	50	1.16%
West Bend	10	4.73%	32	0.49%	40	3.07%
Waukesha County						
Arrowhead Union	29	1.82%	33	0.46%	42	2.95%
Elmbrook	50	0.26%	43	0.23%	44	2.71%
Hamilton	18	3.07%	36	0.34%	37	3.24%
Kettle Moraine	34	1.44%	42	0.27%	43	2.83%
Menomonee Falls	32	1.52%	47	0.07%	36	3.43%
Mukwonago	36	1.33%	35	0.39%	12	6.56%
Muskego-Norway	47	0.72%	39	0.28%	25	4.49%
New Berlin	43	0.98%	37	0.31%	27	4.38%
Norris	22	2.70%	48	0.00%	51	0.00%
Oconomowoc Area	44	0.76%	27	0.68%	32	3.66%
Pewaukee	48	0.58%	28	0.63%	24	4.58%
Waukesha	37	1.22%	39	0.28%	29	4.06%
Kenosha County						
Central/Westosha Union	42	1.05%	20	1.06%	14	5.73%
Kenosha	3	19.22%	8	2.14%	3	12.52%
Wilmot Union	9	5.11%	30	0.58%	8	7.28%
Walworth County						
Big Foot Union	14	3.58%	4	2.67%	22	4.83%
Delavan-Darien	6	6.46%	3	3.25%	6	7.81%
East Troy Community	19	2.95%	15	1.29%	45	2.54%
Elkhorn Area	30	1.71%	16	1.27%	38	3.22%
Lake Geneva-Genoa City Union	11	4.14%	22	0.90%	13	6.36%
Whitewater	16	3.37%	5	2.61%	17	5.29%
Williams Bay	15	3.56%	18	1.16%	10	6.93%

*South Milwaukee's habitual truants appear to be undercounted in the DPI data.

Table 5



The 2002 Schooling Report

A Snapshot of Schools in Southeastern Wisconsin:

- There are 94 school districts in the seven counties of Southeastern Wisconsin. These districts include 41 traditional K-12 districts, 43 K-8 districts, nine high school districts, and one alternative school district for at-risk adolescent students.
- There were 315,911 students enrolled in the regional schools in 2001-02, up 0.6% from 2000-01.
- The average student-to-teacher ratio in Southeastern Wisconsin schools in 2001-02 was 15.4:1.
- Over 17% of the region's students were habitually truant in 2000-01, a rate that was spurred on by the Milwaukee Public Schools' 40% truancy rate.
- Southeastern Wisconsin teachers were paid an average of \$44,139 in 2001-02 and received an average fringe benefits package totaling \$18,308.
- The regional graduation rate in 2000-01 was 82.6%, up 1.3 percentage points from 1999-00.

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